

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Complaint on First-Class Mail  
Service Standards

Docket No. C2001-3

OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS CARLSON  
(November 1, 2001)

In accordance with Rule 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States Postal Service hereby files this notice of its objections to the following interrogatory, which was filed on October 25, 2001: DFC/USPS-GAN-31.

This interrogatory seeks information concerning changes in postal mail processing and transportation operations resulting from the impact of FAA-imposed restrictions, since September 11, 2001, on the size or shape of mail pieces permitted to be carried on commercial passenger airlines.

The Postal Service regard this interrogatory as an inquiry into matters which are irrelevant to the issues raised by the complaint in this proceeding. This complaint is restricted to consideration of whether changes in service standards implemented in 2000 and 2001 as part of the finalization of Phase 2 of the realignment plan reviewed in Docket No. N89-1 comply with 39 U.S.C. §§ 3661 and 3662. The instant docket has nothing to do with the current or future impact of FAA concerns about threats to airline safety which result from the potential use of the mails by terrorists or what the Postal Service is or may be doing in response to such threats.

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Respectfully submitted,

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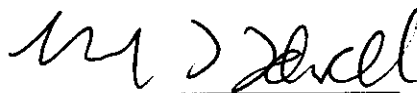
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